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GERRY PRUD'HOMME & CORINNE CORCORAN NAMED CONCORDIA'S "ATHLETES OF THE YEAR"

Gerry Prud'homme and Corinne Corcoran captured top honors tonight at the Seventh Annual Concordia Athletic Awards Night.

Prud'homme a third year wide-receiver and kick-return specialist on the men's varsity football team received the prestigious Gill Award for the male "Athlete of the Year". Gerry had a tremendous season as he was named the Outstanding Player in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference and to the All-Canadian team, the first Concordia gridder to receive All-Canadian honours. He caught 33 passes for 649 yards and five touchdowns, despite playing two games with a separated shoulder. Gerry, a former Laval Scorpion, was drafted by the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the second round of the Canadian Football League's college draft.

Corinne Corcoran received the Sally Kemp Award given to the female "Athlete of the Year". Corinne continued her assault on opposition goalies as the second year varsity hockey player amassed an incredible 51 goals and 93 points as she led the Stingers to their second consecutive Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League championship. The Recreation major scored points in all but 3 of Concordia's 33 games. Corinne was also selected as the female "Freshman Athlete of the Year" last year, as well as the team's "Most Valuable Player" the past two seasons.

Dan Burrows and Stéphane Héon, who shared the goaltending duties for the Varsity Men's Hockey team, and were jointly named to the Q.U.A.A. All-Star team, also shared male "Freshman Athlete of the Year". Burrows, who attended the Montreal Canadiens training camp this fall, had a 2.72 goal-against average while Héon, the "Most Valuable Player" for the Delson Junior B's last year had a 2.65 average.

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Patti Fox, a first year Exercise Science major was selected as the female "Freshman Athlete of the Year". The 5'10 forward on the Women's Basketball team was also picked as the team's "Most Improved Player" as she earned a starting berth on the veteran laden team.

The "Sportsmanship Award" presented to the graduating athlete who displayed the true qualities of sportsmanship was given to Maher Kassis, a varsity football player. Kassis, a talented open field runner and kick returner was cited by coach Skip Rochette as an unselfish player who played three different positions this year, when injuries took their toll on the Stingers squad.

Julie Healy received the "Women's Athletic Shield" for her outstanding participation, involvement and contribution to the women's athletic program. Julie played field hockey and ice hockey, served as an intramural co-ordinator last year and is presently a member of the Athletic Advisory Committee.

Ross Reeves and Dave Wallwork were co-winners of the "Director of Athletics Shield". Reeves, a three-year letterman for the varsity football team, was an assistant intramural co-ordinator while Wallwork, a former junior varsity hockey player, has worked as a student assistant in the department's famed therapy room.

Other "Most Valuable Player" awards for teams went to Tim Heaney (men's soccer), Mike Walker (men's varsity hockey), David Stott (men's J.V. hockey), Gary McKeigan (men's basketball), Julie Healy (field hockey), Sandra Williams (women's soccer), Janet Hylland (women's basketball), Gerry Prud'homme (offensive player of the year - Football), Ross Reeves (defensive player of the year-football).

A complete list of award winners is attached.

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